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Dear Hal,

If the mail service in this country had been worth a damn I would have received your terrific letter before going up to Jackson for the conference with my attorney. As it is I have just received it the day after returning, and am hastening to reply, since it contains several matters requiring immediate attention regarding pending concerns.

First, Ed Butler: when I read your letter, asking if his magazine had folded, I thought it impossible. But sure enough, you were right! It published three issues, then went defunct, very much to my surprise, considering his extensive financial backing. I am told by people who know that he gets the support of several rich men, mostly rightists, like Patrick Frawley of Shick, etc., and the results are predictable: a heavy propaganda barrage, which spans most of Latin America, with radio propaganda tapes against Castro et al, and now has spearheaded a movement on the campuses. The latter has some rather frightening implications. Some young friends (students, etc.) in and around New Orleans, which you might call hippies, have provided some elucidation. Some like Butler and respect him though disagreeing with him, because of his work against the youth drug problem. However, most of his "followers" have become disillusioned, so I understand, and agree with your delineation of him as unprincipled and extremist. I am concerned about some of these kids he has a hold on, whom he has got parroting his special "line". This is not necessarily patriotism in the common sense, *more like brainwashing.*

He certainly has commercialized on the assassination, as you say, and that's putting it mildly. He got alot of mileage out of his radio debate with Oswald, and now dresses in slick threads and has an expensive hairdresser. *However, it now looks like* unless the C.I.A. can bail him out by furnishing another Oswald, the ship may be sinking, at last. All of this should be exposed, for those kids' sakes (I've managed to wise a few up myself), in view of the enclosed "declarati especially (which you, with your experience, can easily detect its dangerous implications), but I assume that a re-opening of the assassination case will clean out alot of dirty closets. Thus I feel any further work herein is wasteful and unproductive for now, inasmuch as Butler is the most brilliant propagandist I've ever seen and all of his literature reflects this.

To make our collections complete, I sent in a membership application and wrote to Butler directly, using my college address. His wife replied cordially, and I will copy everything and pass it all along. Do you have the book she mentions by Albert Newman? If not, let me know, and I'll send you a copy. It attempts to prove a Marxist conspiracy, has lots of padding and is highly over-rated, but worth adding to the collection.

~~Carlos Bringuier~~

I am sorry Butler never got a chance to debate Lane. It would have been better than a women's wrestling match. Maybe they would've cancelled each other out. Each is a demagogue of a different category, but they are cut from the same cloth. And I see Butler also travels the lecture circuit. Lane charges \$1,000 a throw, through Harry Walker Agency, Inc., New York, but has now gone off to other matters.

I didn't know you didn't have a record player. I'd send you mine, but postage would be prohibitive. Perhaps I could tape my copy of the record "Oswald Speaks" and send it to you. My tape recorder is in Texas right now. Actually, though, it is just more of Butler's doctrinaire propaganda.

Carlos Bringuier is a horse of an entirely different color. Will definitely take your advice, and in one way or the other get him privately to tell me what he knows. I'm studying him carefully, in preparation, including his testimony, which I now have. My Congressman recently assisted me in the purchase of the set of volumes and I am studying them carefully, so from now on, if you want to direct my attention to something, you can just refer me to volume and page nos. to same time, and space.

I have searched the volumes thoroughly and find no reference in Bringuier's testimony or in other references to the two F.B.I. agents who took Oswald aside after they were arrested and asked for the names of pro-Castro informants, when LHO said, "I'll tell you, but not in front of Bringuier." I also used Sylvia's great index, which is a life-saver. This remark obviously proves that Oswald was gov't-connected.

In regard to same, no, I never expected any cooperation from the Justice Department. In fact, my purpose in seeing a lawyer and in writing to Congressman Colmer was to see what could be done in the alternative, since it is probable Oswald was an informant, or double-agent, for them and others. I feel that a permanent sub-committee of Congress would be the best place to start; although I don't have utmost confidence in that system, I can think of nothing better to start with, at this late date.

In any case, I do agree that we should meet again soon to combine our efforts, in this regard. Your most recent suits against the Department of Justice sound good. Would like to discuss same with you, and particularly your possible suit for the file report on Ronny Caire. I have not seen him in a couple of months, but I

will try to talk to him again about this. I just don't want to turn him off completely, in the event of a new investigation, so I will be careful. As you may know, he is not in excellent health, among other things, with diabetes, and back trouble. If possible, I would be glad to join you in your suits, if you like. I don't have much money, either, but maybe if we pool our poverty we can come up with something strong enough. In any case, we can discuss this. I intend to be in Washington, D.C., on or about the 22nd of Nov., and stay through about the 24th. Do you have any plans then? I will be traveling by car, and if Frederick is near a main highway I could possibly pick you up.

I am sorry to hear that Penn Jones has gone haywire, although I suspected something was wrong from his last book. I knew Boxley, also, and worked with him and Bethell. I liked the former also as did Penn, and I tried to warn Garrison about the latter. Yet it hardly surprises me in a way that either was perfidious. Nevertheless, it becomes the more unfortunate in that it breaks down what is so needed-- a united effort to get this case re-opened. Bernie Fensterwald said that it would be impossible to re-unite all the dissenting elements, they are so diverse.

Nevertheless, there is still time and hope, and I will look forward to discussing it all with you, if possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of the sender, written in dark ink. The signature is stylized and appears to be a first name followed by a surname, though the exact details are difficult to discern due to the cursive style.

Enclosures

*p.s. Please do let me know as soon as you
can if we can meet in Washington*